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THE U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND BRASS QUINTET

The United States Army Field Band Brass Quintet, an official ensemble of the "Musical Ambassadors of the Army," performs recitals and presents clinics in elementary, junior, and high schools, and colleges throughout the nation. Dedicated to advancing brass quintet music through performance, its members celebrate their repertoire from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century.

Staff Sergeant Michael Klima, trumpet, a native of Sartell, Minnesota, joined the Field Band in 1999. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Saint Cloud State University in Minnesota, and a Master of Music degree from Kent State University in Ohio, where he was a member of the Kent Faculty Brass Quintet. SSG Klima has performed in Cleveland and Akron as a freelance artist with such groups as the Metropolitan Brass and Great Lakes Brass Quintet.

Staff Sergeant James Wood, trumpet, is originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He received his bachelor's degree from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, master's degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of North Texas in Denton. SSG Wood joined the Field Band in 2001.

Sergeant First Class Robert Cherry, horn, is a native of Bridgeman, Michigan. A Presidential and Medallion Scholar, he holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Western Michigan University. Following his graduation in 1994, he attended Indiana University, where he was awarded a Performer's Certificate. Prior to joining the Field Band in 1997, SFC Cherry performed and taught throughout Chicago and southwestern Michigan.

Sergeant First Class Aaron Kadrmas, trombone, is from Fargo, North Dakota, where he studied trombone with Ed Huttlin at Concordia College. In 1994, he graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy, studying with Jeannie Little. He attended Western Michigan University on the Russell Brown Brass Quintet Scholarship as a student of Steve Wolfinbarger, before joining the Field Band in 1995.

Sergeant First Class Scott Cameron, tuba, joined The U.S. Army Field Band in 1994, and has since performed in all 50 states, Canada, and Norway. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University and a Master of Music in Tuba Performance from the University of Maryland, where he served as graduate assistant for the marching band. SFC Cameron's principal instructors include Harvey G. Phillips, Gary Bird, and Michael M. Bunn.